



QUINCY CATHOLIC
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION

**St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship
Application Packet**

Submission deadline: Thursday, April 5, 2024

Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation
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St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship: Applicant Eligibility Criteria

- The QCES Foundation St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship is a need-based full-tuition scholarship that is awarded annually to two families of students in Grades K - 8, either Catholic or non-Catholic, who do not currently have a child enrolled in one of Quincy's four Catholic elementary schools. The scholarship is intended for students of color, non-Catholic students, students below poverty level, or students with disabilities. Since the scholarship is partially need-based, the name of the student who is awarded the QCES Foundation St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship will remain confidential.
- If all eligibility requirements are met, including continued demonstration of financial need, the family will continue to receive the St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship until all elementary school-age children in the family have completed the 8th Grade, provided the children are continuously enrolled in school and there is no lapse in children from that family enrolled in the school, and provided there is continued funding for the full tuition scholarship by the designated donor.
- Families who apply for the QCES Foundation St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship are required to complete and submit the QCES Foundation St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship Application Form by 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2024.
- Application forms may be submitted via mail or email to Sara Reuschel, Executive Director, Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation, 1721 College Ave., Quincy, IL 62301 OR director@quincycatholicschools.org.
- Families who apply for the QCES Foundation St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship must complete the required online FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Application Form and submit the required supporting documentation (W2, tax return, etc.) and pay the \$40 processing fee. If assistance is needed to cover this fee, please contact Sara Reuschel at (217) 779-3157 or director@quincycatholicschools.org. The online application must be submitted by 11:59 pm on Thursday, April 5, 2024.
- The QCES Foundation St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship recipient will be selected from among all those students, whose families do not currently have any children enrolled in one of Quincy's four Catholic elementary schools, and who have applied for tuition assistance for the 2024-2025 school year through the FACTS program.
- The QCES Foundation St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship recipient will be notified at the same time as all other applicants applying for tuition assistance, approximately June 1st, of each year.
- The QCES Foundation St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship is for tuition and fees which includes the Instructional Fee and/or the Technology Fee required for each child enrolled in a Quincy Catholic Elementary School.

- All other tuition assistance for which a family may be eligible, such as a tuition credit from the Gene Grawe Fund, will be applied first, and the remaining tuition balance for the recipient will be covered by the QCES Foundation St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship.
- The QCES Foundation Board reserves the right to change and/or modify the criteria for the QCES Foundation St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship at any time, as deemed necessary.

St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship: Applicant Packet Checklist

_____ Complete the QCES Foundation St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship Application Form.

_____ Write an essay of 250 words or less (typed or handwritten) to explain why it is important for your child to receive the QCES St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship and why you wish to enroll your child(ren) in one of the four Catholic Elementary Schools.

_____ Submit the completed application and essay by 5 p.m. on April 5, 2024 to the QCES Foundation Office via mail at 1721 College Ave., Quincy, IL 62301 OR by email to director@quincycatholicschools.org.

_____ Complete and submit the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Application Form, along with supporting documentation (W2, tax return, etc.), and the required processing fee (unless arrangements have been made) by 11:59 p.m. on April 5, 2024.

St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship: Application Form

This completed application must be submitted to the QCES Foundation office by 5 p.m. on April 5, 2024 either via mail at 1721 College Ave., Quincy, IL 62301 or via email to director@quincycatholicschools.org. All applicable information requested on the form must be completed in full in order for the application to be considered by the selection committee.

PLEASE PRINT

Father's Last Name _____ Father's First Name _____

Mother's Last Name _____ Mother's First Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Preferred Email Address(es) _____

Scholarship recipient(s) will be notified via email unless an email address is not available in which case notification will be made via phone.

Please list the requested information below for the child for whom you are applying to receive the QCES Foundation St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship, and whom you wish to enroll in a Quincy Catholic Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year:

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Current Age _____

Current School Attending _____ 2024-2025 Grade Level _____

Please list the requested information below for other children in your family whom you may also wish to enroll in a Quincy Catholic Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year:

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Current Age _____

Current School Attending _____ 2024-2025 Grade Level _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Current Age _____

Current School Attending _____ 2024-2025 Grade Level _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Current Age _____

Current School Attending _____ 2024-2025 Grade Level _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Current Age _____

Current School Attending _____ 2024-2025 Grade Level _____

As part of the application process for the QCES Foundation Newcomer's Scholarship, the parent(s) of the child for whom they are applying to receive the QCES Foundation Newcomer's Scholarship must submit, on a separate sheet of paper, an essay of 250 words or less explaining why it is important for your child to receive the QCES Foundation St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship, and why you wish to enroll your child in one of Quincy's four Catholic Elementary Schools. The essay may be handwritten or typed and should be submitted with this application the deadline.

My/our signature(s) below indicate(s,) that in addition to this application form, I/we understand as part of the application process for the QCES Foundation St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship, I/we must also complete and submit aFACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Application Form by the specified deadline. I/we further understand that I/we must submit on a separate sheet of paper, an essay of 250 words or less explaining why it is important for my/our child to receive the QCES Foundation St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship, and why I/we wish to enroll my/our child in one of Quincy's four Catholic Elementary Schools. The essay may be handwritten or typed and must be submitted along with this application form by 5 p.m. on April 5, 2024 to the QCES Foundation office, 1721 College Ave., Quincy, IL 62301 or director@quincycatholicschools.org.

Father's Signature _____ Date _____

Mother's Signature _____ Date _____